

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
August 1, 2014

Only five more days for you to nominate someone for the Outstanding Community Service Award for 2014. If you know someone you feel is deserving of this honor, please pick up a nomination form at City Hall and return it by August 6, 2014. The award will be presented at the annual Clewiston Chamber of Commerce dinner in September.

Dates to Remember:

August 4, 2014	Special Commission Meeting – 12:00 noon
August 11, 2014	Budget Workshop
August 14, 2014	City Commission Workshop
August 18, 2014	City Commission Meeting

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Reese reports:

- Business Tax Receipts are being processed for annual billing. These renewals will be mailed on August 1, 2014, as required by the State of Florida, and are due by September 30, 2014 for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.
- A new business, Guines Jewelry & Pawn, is occupying the location at 114 South WC Owen in the space recently vacated by Metro PCS, who relocated to 402 East Sugarland Hwy.
- Demolition of the 2 story, 4 unit structure has started, reducing the building located at 830 East Avenida del Rio to a 1 story, 2 unit building. This addition had become dilapidated and unsafe.

Golf Course Operations Director Ford reports:

- With the rain finally slowing up, the golf course has started drying out. From July 7th thru July 22nd the golf course received 11.3 inches of rain. With the wet conditions and ideal growing conditions, staff has been busy just trying to keep up with the mowing.
- An application of fertilizer has been applied to greens.
- An application of Primo growth regulator was applied to fairways and tee tops.
- An irrigation water line blowout around #6 green was repaired.

Library Director Barrett reports:

- August 25, 2014, will see the start of our Basic Computer classes. They are slated to end on September 11th. We now working with Microsoft to get the certification classes going. It has taken longer than expected, but hopefully we will start our first certification class in September.
- Summer reading program is now ended. In total, the children read 1,940 books and summer programs total attendance was 1,040.

- As of September, the Clewiston Library will begin providing regular Library Time to the children of Montura. We signed up 18 new Library members in Montura.
- GED classes are ongoing through August 21st, 2014.
- The Home Based Business training program ran from July 16th to 18th in the Clewiston Library. We had a total attendance of seven and one person has already signed up for a business. The class was also held in LaBelle with thirteen in attendance. On August 12, 2014, the class will be offered in the Harlem Community Library and is open to anyone. This is sponsored by the grant from the SW Florida Community Foundation which allows us to provide the class to at least 30 participants throughout the county over a period of three years.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- Patrol responded to complaints of four (4) vehicle burglaries on Bayberry Loop Tuesday morning. All vehicles had been left unlocked.
- Sunday afternoon, officers were called to a report of criminal mischief and burglary to the First Baptist Church. Officers tracked down and arrested a suspect. He is being held at the Hendry County Jail.
- A dustup between residents at the nursing home required a patrol response early in the week. The two were separated and the situation was resolved without arrest.
- A juvenile reported as a run-away early in the week was found and returned to her parents.
- Officers responded to assist the Sheriff's Office on two occasions during the week. Once for a "shots fired" report, and once for K-9 assistance for narcotics detection during a traffic stop.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
 - 1117** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
 - 544** Complaints Investigated
 - 16** Arrests Made
 - 14** Traffic Citations Issued
 - 18** Traffic Warnings issued
 - 6** City Ordinance Violations
 - 39** Improperly Placed Campaign Signs Removed
 - 38** Red Light Camera Violations
 - 68** Merchant Escorts Provided
 - 38** Alarms Responded To

Public Works Director Scheffler reports:

- Mosquito Control: We received an aerial spraying on Thursday night. Contractor sprayed barriers along the north perimeter. Ground trucks were instructed to make slower applications in "hot spots".
- Street Maintenance: (1) The Commerce Park Entrance landscape is still underway. We are working on this project between the other required tasks. (2) Three unpaved roads were graded this week. (3) Pot holes were patched on Olympia Street. Please call Public Works at 983-1471 to report pot holes. (4) A staff person was sent down US27 on Wednesday to string trim, edge, blow, and spray in front of businesses.

- Facility Maintenance: (1) A roofing contractor installed a 10' X 12' patch on the CPAC building. This patch should buy us some time before we have to look at a new roof. (2) The same contractor is going to look at the leak in the City Hall roof and give me a quote to patch it also. (3) A new AC was installed in the Senior Citizen Building this week and the contractor has begun remodeling the inside. (4) A/C contractor repaired the A/C at Public Works on Tuesday.
- Boy Scout Projects: The local troop has three projects going on this summer. All the paperwork has been completed and work will start first weekend in August. The projects are: installing the bike rack at Sweetest Town Playground, sidewalk between Sweetest Town Playground parking and gazebos, and back-stop repairs at select locations in town.

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- The Electric crew is removing old transformers that are not in use, continuing work on our pole removal/straightening program, as well as trimming trees. We experienced several power outages Wednesday afternoon due to the lightning storm. NOW IS THE TIME TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR METER BASED SURGE PROTECTION! Visit our office today.
- The Cuban Market lift station rebuild is complete and the station is on-line. The Water/Sewer crew had a vacuum truck come in to clean out the main lift station.
- ONLINE UTILITY PAYMENT IS NOW AVAILABLE! Our Online Utility Website is up and running. Payments can be made by credit or debit card. You can also review your account activity, consumption history, and request certain work orders. You can register your account by visiting our website at www.clewiston-fl.gov and click on the link at the bottom of the page or by going to:

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